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The summary report of our sixth annual Freight and Logistics Symposium, held December 6, 2002, is now available. The symposium was sponsored by CTS, the CTS Logistics Task Force, Mn/DOT, and the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee, in cooperation with the Council of Logistics Management Twin Cities Roundtable and the Metropolitan Council.

If you would like extra copies, please contact Sharon Day at 612-626-1077 or download a PDF version online at www.cts.umn.edu/publications/#proceedings.

Freight Capacity for the 21st Century – new TRB special report

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) recently published a Special Report, *Freight Capacity for the 21st Century*.

"This report presents four principles to guide decisions about using, enlarging, funding, or regulating the freight transportation system:

- Capital improvements, such as new roads-as well as operating practices for public facilities-should aim for the greatest usefulness considering all costs;
- Local, state, or federal governments should be involved only when they can do the job better than any other entity;
- < Whenever the primary benefits of a project are lower costs for the facility's users, user fees-not government subsidies-should pay the capital and operating costs; and
- Appropriate choices of financing arrangements should be made at the start of a project to enhance efficiency."

The full report is available on the TRB Web site at gulliver.trb.org/publications/sr/sr271.pdf.

Rail security: some actions already taken, but risk-based plan needed, GAO says

A General Accounting Office (GAO) report recommends that the Secretary of Homeland Security work with the Secretary of Transportation to develop a

risk-based plan for rail and hazardous material rail shipments security. The full report is available at www.gao.gov/new.items/d03435.pdf. The American Association of Railroads (AAR) challenged this report, saying that the industry has a comprehensive, risk-based security plan in place now. See the AAR press release at www.aar.org/ViewContent.asp?Content_ID=1468.

In memoriam: Dr. Frederick Manzara

We were saddened to hear about the unexpected death of Frederick A. Manzara, Ph.D., as the result of a stroke on March 30. Fred was active in his career as a professor at Metropolitan State University, serving as chairman of the College of Management. He also contributed his considerable energy to the CTS Logistics Task Force. Metropolitan State University has established a Memorial fund to honor him. For more information, please contact Dr. David Bouchard at david.bouchard@metrostate.edu or visit www.metrostate.edu/com/fund/index.html.



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